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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I have a particular interest in Philadelphia's communications infrastructure. Since taking office as a City Councilman, I have made it my priority to save the city's wireless network, which could be the largest free municipal wireless network in the nation. In addition, I serve as Vice Chair of City Council's Technology and Information Services Committee.

I personally use AT&T with my iPhone and often experience dropped calls and other download issues when on its 3G network. As an attorney, I represent companies in the exploding mobile and wireless sectors. The number of new smart phones and alternative internet platforms, like the iPad and other devices, is going to continue to grow in the foreseeable future.

We must be able to provide networks with increased capacity and reach to keep up with this demand. The smart phones themselves have the same power as desktop models of just a few years ago. The joined company of AT&T and T-Mobile USA would be able to provide the most modern mobile technology available, extended to nearly every home or business in the nation.

Philadelphia residents deserve a wide choice of options when it comes to networking and access to the Internet. Some may need to access the web at no cost while others may desire to pay to obtain more options. My personal mobile phone and those of my family

are Verizon, because we perceive it to be a superior network with fewer dropped calls and other related issues. This merger would increase AT&T's competitiveness in the telecom marketplace and provide a viable alternative for consumers.

A merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA, I believe, will create new jobs in the metro area and greater opportunities to utilize cutting-edge programs in the areas of education, medicine, and business.

Therefore, I support this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a simple "ill".

Bill Green  
City Councilman At-Large  
City of Philadelphia

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